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Comment Period on Impaired Waters List Extended to Dec. 15

Frankfort, Ky. (Oct. 5, 2012) – The Kentucky Division of Water has extended its comment period until Dec. 15, 2012, on its draft 2012 list of impaired waters, as required by the federal Clean Water Act.

Section 305(b) of the Act requires each state to monitor, assess and report on the quality of its water relative to designated uses established in accordance with Kentucky's water quality standards. This biennial report is known as the Integrated Report to Congress on the Condition of Water Resources in Kentucky, Volume 1.

Section 303(d) of the Act requires a state to identify those waters that do not or are not expected to meet state water quality standards. It also requires a state to develop a priority ranking for these waters, taking into account the severity of the pollution and the designated uses of the water (i.e., fishing, swimming and/or water supply). For each water body included in the list, the state must develop a daily maximum allowance for each identified pollutant (total maximum daily load, or TMDL) that will allow the stream to meet water quality standards.

The 303(d) list and accompanying narrative, which constitute Volume 2 of the Integrated Report, is available for public comment. The draft version of the 2012 Integrated Report to Congress on the Condition of Water Resources in Kentucky, Volume 2 may be reviewed on the Division of Water website at <http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>. Comments on the draft report should be sent by email to amy.siewert@ky.gov or by post mail to Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 (Attention: Amy Siewert). Comments by email should be submitted no later than Dec. 15, 2012, and by post mail postmarked no later than that date.